MEMORIAL

For a Law to Guard the Sanctity of the Nominative Franchise.

To the Honorable Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Utah, Greeting:

We, your petitioners, respectfully represent that there is no law, within our knowledge, that defines either how, when, or where to commence political representation, and, consequently, we, as individuals, and the people as communities, find ourselves at each recurring election, unprepared and unable to make necessary govermental nominations on the basis of individual representation.

Therefore, to make it possible for all Citizens to meet with their peers at a fixed time and place, to select governing deputies by a majority vote of all citizens they are to represent, we respectfully request your honorable body to establish by law regular annual nominating conventions in each school district in the Territory, (where minority as well as majority representation will operate naturally) for the election of school officers; also for the appointment of Primary deputies to annual precinct conventions for the election of precinct officers; also for the appointment from their own body deputies to county conventions, and so on, repeating the process through a succession of annual fixed conventions, until the whole Territory is completely organized on the basic principle of individual and personally selected representation, (furnishing revenue for governmental expenses by a tax on clear yearly incomes) so that every citizen can independently take hold of the helm of government and through general council and well directed effort retrieve the effects of former neglect, and proceed to organize a protective government for the safety and support of the whole population. And thus a policy will be inaugurated to save the liberty of the citizen and the constitution from otherwise certain destruction.

And in amity bound by mutual interest, we will be obliged for favorable action.

Salt Lake City, Jan. 23, 1874.

(PETITION) in KEEPING of
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